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Elba man arrested twice over holiday weekend for multiple drug offenses

An Elba man found himself being placed under arrest on two different occasions over the holiday weekend with charges including drug distribution and trafficking.



Albert Green

was released on a \$30,000 bond at 10:30 p.m. Sunday night.

The following day [Monday, July 4], Elba Police again arrested Green

on more drug charges, including drug trafficking, possession of marijuana – first degree, and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. He again was booked into the Coffee County Jail at 2:46 a.m. Monday.

On Monday, July 4, Elba Police arrested Terry Sewell, age 45, of Elba on two separate drug charges. He was booked into the Coffee County Jail at 7:28 a.m. Monday night.

Sewell faces charges of possession of a controlled substance [\$5,000 bond], and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia [\$1,500 bond]. He remained in the Coffee County Jail as of press time this week.

Elba woman arrested for drug trafficking and other charges

On Friday, July 1, deputies with the Coffee County Sheriff's Office arrested Samantha McWaters, age 37, of Elba, Ala., and she was charged with multiple offenses.

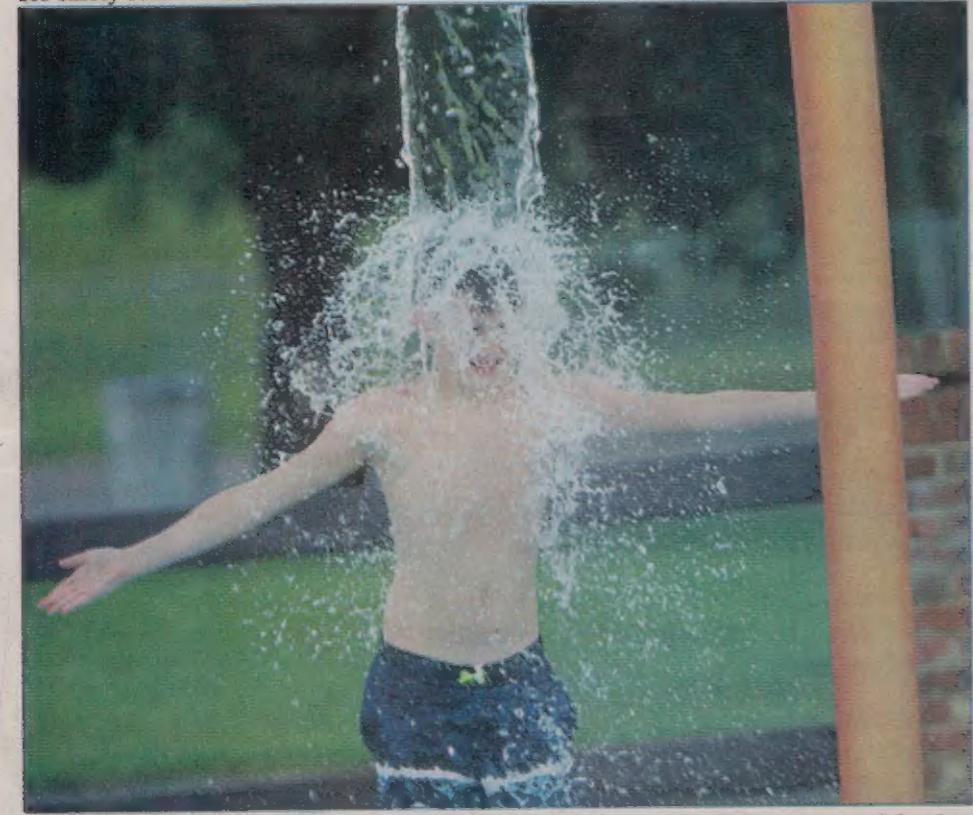


According to Coffee County Jail records, McWaters was booked into the jail at 9:41 p.m. Friday night on charges of drug trafficking [\$60,000 bond], promoting prison contraband – second degree [\$7,500 bond], tampering with physical evidence [\$3,000 bond], and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia [\$1,500 bond].

McWaters remained in the Coffee County Jail as of press time this week.



The Elba Volunteer Fire Department responded Saturday morning, just after 11 a.m., to a structure fire on Powell Circle. Firefighters found a single-wide mobile home with heavy smoke and flames visible from the center of the structure. Reportedly, the mobile home was heavily damaged in this incident, but many personal items were saved where they could be salvaged. No injuries were reported as a result of this fire. New Brockton FD was requested as mutual aide, and Enterprise Rescue stood by for safety reasons. Elba Police also assisted at the scene.



JULY 4TH FUN AT THE SPLASH PAD...The Elba Splash Pad was open Monday, July 4, and several families with youngsters took advantage of the water park. In conjunction with Elba's Let Freedom Ring event, the Splash Pad remained open until 10 p.m. Monday night. An afternoon thunderstorm sent some home early, but many more returned after the rain showers left the area. That was the case with Levi Daniels, age 11, [pictured above] and his sister, Lily, age 6. The siblings enjoyed running through the water playing at the Splash Pad before moving over to Elba's downtown square to catch the Let Freedom Ring activities with their family and friends.

p.m. Monday afternoon.

As of press time this week, Green remained in the county jail with total bonds set on the July 4th

charges in the amount of \$69,000 [\$60,000 for drug trafficking, \$7,500 for possession of marijuana – first, and \$1,500 for the possession of drug paraphernalia charge].

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ELBA CELEBRATES INDEPENDENCE DAY...The City of Elba and Elba Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual 4th of July celebration "Let Freedom Ring" Monday evening with activities including a patriotic golf cart/walking parade, games, music entertainment by Blind Skeleton, food, and FIREWORKS. With the courthouse square in downtown Elba 'roped off' for the event, families and friends set out their lawn chairs, blankets, and more to sit, relax and enjoy the evening in honor of America's birthday. This was the first time for Blind Skeleton to perform at the event. The band, featuring Elba native Bill Brueckner as lead singer, performed classic rock hits from the 70s, 80s, and 90s, along with other popular tunes for the occasion. Once again, the fireworks were presented by Elba native Mike Holderfield, and his work brought much delight to the large crowd. The evening's festivities, however, began with the patriotic golf cart/walking parade, and as shown by Junior Miss Elba Destinee Tidwell, Little Miss Elba Bella Bane and Young Miss Elba Kayden Moseley smiles were not hard to find as everyone was enjoying the event. More photos from Monday night's festivities can be found on Pages 2 and 8 of today's paper!

Senator Jimmy Holley honored by Troy University

Troy University's Board of Trustees has honored a pillar and dedicated advocate of the Wiregrass region, State Sen. Jimmy Holley (R-Elba).

Holley, who retires from the Alabama Senate in November with nearly a half-century of service in the Legislature, has represented Coffee, Dale, Pike and Covington counties in the Senate for six terms and served from 1974 – 1994 in the State House of Representatives.

"There are a lot of simple lessons that I have observed from Sen. Holley over the years and two of those are very clear. One of those is the power of servant leadership. That element of service and loyalty runs so deep in Sen. Holley and always has. He always gave at least what was expected of him, during his time at Troy and during his time as a public servant," said TROY Chancellor Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr.

"It is going to be hard

for us as a body of people

not to have Sen. Holley in

an elected office. We really

appreciate Sen. Holley. It



Troy University Board of Trustees President Pro-Tem Gibson Vance presented a resolution commanding State Sen. Jimmy Holley (R-Elba) for his service to the University and the State of Alabama during a luncheon in his honor in Montgomery on Thursday, June 30, 2022. (TROY photo/Joe Meredith)

has been a pleasure to be able to work with him and to know him," he said.

In addition to his Legislative service, Holley served Troy University as an administrator from 1984 until 2007, retiring as Director of the Regional Inservice Center and as Assistant to the Vice Chancellor, as well as prior service as Director of the Center for Developmental Education.

Former State Sen. Gerald Dial (R-Lineville), a mem-

ber and past president pro-

tem of the Troy University

Board of Trustees who

began serving with Holley in 1974 in the House and who suitemates with him in the Senate, said that in the Legislature people listened to Holley.

"He has been a true legislator. In a caucus meeting, Jimmy Holley was like E.F. Hutton – when he spoke, everyone listened . . . thank you for all you do. You're a great friend to me, a great friend to Troy University

and a true leader in the state of Alabama," he said.

Outside of his public service, Holley is a cattle farmer and small businessman.

Known for his tireless advocacy of his district, among Holley's accomplishments

are securing infrastructure improvements in support

of Fort Rucker, quality of life improvements for the

communities he served and

worked to expand both education funding and high-

speed internet access. He

was also deeply involved

in the support of workforce

development and is credited

with helping to establish the

Alabama Aviation College

in Ozark.

"We honor a great civic

leader in Jimmy Holley.

There was an age in our

political history that we

had civil discourse. You

got things done for your

district, for the things you

cared about. We were col-

leagues, allies, proponents

and opponents," said Cam

Ward, a TROY Trustee who

served in the Senate with

Holley. "I wish you the best

in your retirement and I

thank you for all that you've

done."

During its meeting on

Thursday, June 29, the

Trustees approved a reso-

lution honoring Holley and

presented him a framed copy

of it and a Troy University

giclee print during a lun-

Area Happenings

FREE FOOTBALL CAMP IN ELBA...Elba's own Alex Wright [now a member of the Cleveland Browns NFL team] is sponsoring the Alex Wright Football Camp next Tuesday evening, July 12, in Elba. The camp is free to participate! Check-in begins at 5 p.m. with the 2-hour camp being from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Elba High School's Tiger Stadium, 371 Tiger Dr. Elba. To pre-register, visit: alexwright.eventbrite.com

YOUTH FOOTBALL/CHEER REGISTRATION UNDERWAY IN ELBA...Registration is currently going on for youth football and cheerleading at the Elba Recreation Department. Come by and fill out a registration form. The Elba Parks and Recreation office is located at 764 N Claxton Avenue in Elba, or call (334) 897-6833 for more information.

ROCKIN' THE RIVER COMING TO ELBA...Restoration 154 in Elba will host Rockin' the River on Saturday, July 23 from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. in downtown Elba. This event will have arts and crafts, a kayak race on Pea River, local art demonstrations, face painting, a cornhole tournament, rubber ducky race, bounce houses, pageant, parade, and more. Check out the Restoration 154 Facebook page for more information.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"This country won't be a good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a good place for all of us to live in."

Theodore Roosevelt

Sometimes we probably overthink events and their cause. Case in point is the July 4th Chicago shooting that took several lives and wounded dozens more. News reports indicate some person shot into a crowd of July 4th parade watchers, firing from the roof of a building. He shot men, women, and children and last night we sat quietly in our living room chair trying to assign some sort of reason for such random violence. This was not our first effort at getting inside the head of another human and understanding such violence, but the results were the same – again . . . the carnage on Monday is not understood. Our results have been the same following every incident of such violence.

There should be a pat on the back of the large number of people who stepped in and helped make the Elba July 4th event a roaring success. All reports are that the event was an 'exploding' success. One worker at the events openly pondered, "Where did all these people come from?" Wherever they came from, those we observed enjoyed the gathering and while all didn't mention it, appreciate the efforts of the organizers and workers.

The routine wrecks at the intersection of 4-lane U. S. 84 and Hwy 141 continue to prompt questions like "what is causing these wrecks" or "can't people read road signs?" We don't have an answer for any of those asking the questions, even though dozens of people have proposed solutions. Some of the suggested solutions have been discarded by traffic engineers as counterproductive; others are deemed impractical. There are probably a handful of different reasons for these wrecks, but one we have seen "more than once" is drivers on 141 not understanding that 84 is a 4-lane road and those folks have the right-of-way. One driver explained to us, as his wife was leaving in an ambulance, that he stopped at the stop sign and the lane was clear but 'the guy in the next lane 'didn't even slow down.' Well sir out thoughts were, YOU were the one that was supposed to yield! We didn't respond to that but ask him if he needed a ride to the hospital. He declined the offer and wanted to stay with his car and secure their possessions before going to hospital.

Last Saturday we attended another Covid-19 funeral. A first cousin was in rehab following a hip replacement and two other falls but caught the bug and couldn't shake it. That gives us two cousins (one on each side of our family) and a near miss by a sister to lose that battle. The number of people dying from Covid has dropped drastically but those deaths are still happening. Probably part of today's problem is many of us, - and the word 'us' is all inclusive – have become complacent and too lax with following the recommended safety measures. Personally in retrospect, our mask spends most of the day in our back pocket.

If you have successfully beat Covid and no longer worry about catching it, try the monkey pox. We noted several weeks ago that it existed and is slowly spreading but the experts think it is spreading much faster. A 'spread' we are talking about is outside of Africa. The virus has normally been an African problem but now it has escaped the bars of the African cage and making threats worldwide. There is a vaccination for this virus, but our understanding is that it is for people who have knowingly been exposed to the bug. We guess that means someone with monkey pox needs to hang a sign around their neck before venturing out into the world.

Be safe, wear your mask when appropriate, social distance, wash your hands AND get the shot(s) and/or boosters!

Don't Miss Our "Sizzling Hot" Sale

Patriotic golf cart/walking parade opens "Let Freedom Ring" event



Cuzin Lou Lou's Tales from Yonder

Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Cuzin Lou Lou could not help but to be proud of her little Yonder town earlier this week when an annual 4th of July celebration was held.

Lou Lou has always thought of Thanksgiving as her favorite holiday, and it probably is due to personal

reasons, but Independence Day certainly pulls in a close second! Growing up in a family with a dad who served his country, patriotism has been evident in the Yonder gang's family throughout Lou Lou and Sister's lives. Papa taught them the importance of that at an early age, and it has remained with them.

Lou Lou loves all things patriotic so much so that a recent trip to a local store found her exiting with over \$100-worth of red, white and blue décor for the Yonder gang's house! Sister laughed at Lou Lou because she entered the

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FSA accepting nominations for farmers and ranchers to serve

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) is now accepting nominations for county committee members. Elections will occur in certain Local Administrative Areas (LAA) for members. LAAs are elective areas for FSA committees in a single county or multi-county jurisdiction.

County committee members make important decisions about how Federal farm programs are administered locally. All nomination forms for the 2022 election must be postmarked or received in the local FSA office by Aug. 1, 2022.

"It is a priority for USDA to integrate equity into its decision-making and policymaking, and that starts with our local FSA county committees," said Clifton Warren, State Executive Director for FSA in Alabama. "We need enthusiastic, diverse leaders to serve other agricultural producers on these committees as we work to build

Upcoming events at Landmark Park in Dothan, Ala.

JULY 13: SQUIRT GUN PAINTING

Participants will enjoy a classic art form with a modern twist! Join us to make a masterpiece on canvas and wearable art as well. Please wear all white for maximum color. Paint and water soakers provided. Safety goggles suggested and provided. We want your artistic eye instead of art in your eye! Meet in the Dog Walk. \$5 materials fee.

JULY 20: NATIVE AMERICAN DANCE

Enjoy learning the dances that built America before it was America. Participants will learn the culture and the meanings behind several dances from a local tribe. Bring your dancing shoes and get ready to explore the world of the First Nations through music and dance. Meet at the Gazebo.

TROY

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cheon in his honor. Troy University First Lady Janice Hawkins presented Holley's wife, Mary, a TROY afghan as a token of appreciation for her role in supporting the University.

"I'm so appreciative of the friends I've made over the years. Troy University has been a mainstay in southeast Alabama and what a footprint it has

Elba Elementary School "Back-to-School"

IMPORTANT DATES	
Pre-K Orientation July 27th	
Pre-K #1 9:00	Pre-K #2 1:00
Grade Level Orientation August 2nd	
1st, 2nd, & 3rd 5:30	
4th, 5th, & 6th 6:30	
Kindergarten Jumpstart August 3rd	
8:30-11:00	
1st Day of School August 5th	
Pre-K 7:30-2:30	
K-6th 7:50 Tardy Bell Rings - Dismissal 3:00	
After School Program Begins August 15th	
Pre-K 2:30-4:00	
K-6th 3:00-5:30	

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, June 28, 2022, and Monday, July 4, 2022, conducted the following activity:

Tuesday, June 28 – Suspicious person reported at 375 Hwy 203 – with an arrest (12:55 a.m.).

Wednesday, June 29 – Suspicious person reported at 154 Yelverton Ave (7:18 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on Reynolds Ave (10:21 a.m.); Stolen vehicle reported at 1525 County Rd 404 (11:56 a.m.); Traffic accident reported on Hwy 84 (12:17 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 2519 Old Curtis Rd (2:10 p.m.); Animal complaint reported on N Claxton Ave (6:35 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 622 Newton St (8:34 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Jones St (11:54 p.m.). Five traffic stops resulted in one written warning, one citation, two verbal warnings, and one warrant served.

Thursday, June 30 – Domestic complaint reported at 14129 Hwy

84 (12:07 a.m.); Reckless driver reported at Troy Hwy and County Rd 231 – with verbal warning issued (8:26 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at Hwy 84 and Hickman Ave (9:03 a.m.); Receiving stolen property reported at 1584 Caroline St (10:43 a.m.); Animal bites reported at 1676 County Rd 409 (11:16 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 2680 Taylor Mill Rd (12:20 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 1294 Ann St (1:38 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1192 Pine Circle (2:57 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at Industrial Blvd and Hickman Ave (7:18 p.m.); Criminal mischief reported on Jackson Ave (7:23 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Newton St (10:04 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 622 Newton St (8:35 p.m.); Noise complaint reported at 1123 Pinecove Dr (9:09 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Reynold Ave (10:34 p.m.). Seven traffic stops resulted in one written warning, one verbal warning, and two citations.

Sunday, July 3 – Suspicious vehicle reported at 431 E Davis St (1:38 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1584 Caroline St (4:57 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1150 N Claxton Ave (10:04 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 622 Newton St (8:35 p.m.); Noise complaint reported at 1123 Pinecove Dr (9:09 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Reynold Ave (10:34 p.m.). Seven traffic stops resulted in two citations, two written warnings, two verbal warnings, and one arrest.

Monday, July 4 – Theft of property reported at 656 Reynolds Ave (1:35 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 955 Reese Ave (6:25 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at Hwy 84 and Hwy 141 (2:53 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Reynolds Ave (8:36 p.m.); Reckless driver reported at 1131 Guyton St (9:53 p.m.). Four traffic stops resulted in three verbal warnings, and one report.

Saturday, July 2 – Traffic accident reported at intersection of Hwy 84 and Hwy 141 (1:53 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 154 Yelverton Ave (7:39 a.m.); Missing person reported at 638 N

Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at <www.elba-clipper.com>

EVELYN EDWINA HODGE

Ms. Evelyn Edwina Hodge, age 91, of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, July 2, 2022, at her home.

Memorial services will be held from Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witnesses on Friday, July 8, 2022, at 2 p.m., with Elder Kenny Lassiter officiating. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba is serving the Hodge family.

Ms. Hodge was preceded in death by her father – John Luther Walden, mother – Elda Scarbrough Walden, sisters – Gwendlyn Boutwell, Lena Louise Jacobs, Dorothy Elda Smith, Maxie Walden, Barbara Joyce Carter, and Rhonda Sue Parker; and brothers – Luther John Walden, and Aubrey Lee Walden.

Sara was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, John Waylon Sharpless; her parents, Albert and Mable Dyess; brother, Joe Tom Dyess; and sister, Jayne Dyess.

Survivors include her daughters: Brenda Nelson, Elba, Shery Stanton, Baker, Fla., and Tina Faulkner, Zolfo Springs, Fla.; son: Wade Stanton, Ozark, Ala.; sisters: Betty Jean Miles, Toccoa, Ga., and Shirley Elaine Slawson, New Brockton, Ala.; brother: Ronnie Edmund Walden, Brundidge, Ala.; nine grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

SARA DYESS SHARPLESS

Mrs. Sara Dyess Sharpless, age 92, of Elba, Ala., died Friday, July 1, 2022.

Sara was an educator with Coffee County School System and Elba City Schools for over 48 years. She served in many capacities as a class-

room teacher and administrator. She was a lifelong resident of Coffee County where she was a longtime and active member of Elba First Baptist Church.

A graveside service was held Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at Evergreen Cemetery in Elba with Rev. Donnie Marler officiating and Hayes Funeral Home directing. The family requested donations in her memory be made to Taylor Mill Oaks, 2805 Taylor Mill Road, Elba, AL 36323; Elba First Baptist Church, 606 Simmons St., Elba, AL 36323; or Evergreen Perpetual Cemetery Fund, 200 Buford St., Elba, AL 36323.

Sara was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, John Waylon Sharpless; her parents, Albert and Mable Dyess; brother, Joe Tom Dyess; and sister, Jayne Dyess.

Survivors include her son: John Waylon Sharpless Jr. and wife Lawanna, Orange Beach, Ala.; and brother: Harold Dyess and wife Mary Agnes, of Coffee County.

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CHURCH NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

by Paul Jackson, Pastor
Covenant Community Church, Elba

So, how's it been going for you so far this year?

We're now in the second half of 2022? Can you believe it? Are you happy with how you've lived the first half? Your choices? Your priorities? Or do you wish you could have a "do-over"?

Perhaps something awful came your way and you wish it hadn't because it brought great pain into your life and changed everything. You may be wondering, "Now what? Where do I go from here?" Even your choice in how you deal with this setback is crucial.

Whatever your assessment is of this year's first six months, I know one thing: the next six months will be determined by the choices you're now making.

Socrates is attributed with the saying, "The unexamined life is not worth living." What does that mean?

It means to be willing to take a long, hard look at your life. And if you don't like something you see, then change it. Take responsibility for yourself. Choose something different. Go a different direction.

The halfway mark of this year is a great time to do just that, to do some "looking 'round" your soul. If you're not where you want to be, then what is it going to take to get to your desired destination by the end of this year?

As the old Chinese proverb goes, "The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." What does your first step need to be? Do you know?

Here are five questions to ask yourself over the next five days:

Day 1 - What is the single greatest roadblock holding me back this year?

Day 2 - What is the single greatest thing that would be most helpful in removing that roadblock?

Day 3 - What single habit would I most like to establish over the next six months?

Day 4 - What single habit would I most like to break over the next six months?

Day 5 - What single thing would I do over the next six months if it were all that I could do?

Blessings your way and happy journey, my friend!

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Due on Monday each week.**

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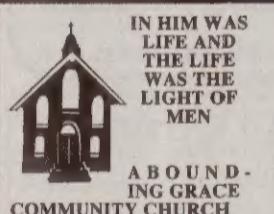
of the things we Think, Say or Do



- First - Is it the TRUTH?
- Second - Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Third - Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Fourth - Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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ING GRACE

COMMUNITY CHURCH
Rocky Pearce, Pastor
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Service...5:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST
CHURCH
Barry Higgins, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School...9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet...6:30 p.m.

BETHHEL AME CHURCH
Deborah Butler, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study...6:30 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST
CHURCH
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship...5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
David Nohle, Pastor
Sunday School...10:45 a.m.
Even. Worship...5:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE
TABERNACLE
Allen Richard, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

GOD POWER HOUSE
EVANGELISTIC CHURCH
Oversers - Billy Berry
Sat. Service...6:00 p.m.
Sun. Service...10:00 a.m.
Even. Service...5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service...7:00 p.m.

GRACE FELLOWSHIP
JOHN CURTIS ISAACS, Pastor
Sunday School...9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Service...5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service...7:00 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH
Kit Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School...9:00 a.m.
Even. Services...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study...6:30 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE
METHODIST CHURCH
Remona Smith, Pastor
Choir (Sundays)...9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

ELBA UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
Steve Reneau, Pastor
Sunday School...9:00 a.m.
Even. Services...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study...6:00 p.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY
OF GOD
Shirle Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School...9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship...10:00 a.m.
Even. Service...5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet...7:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST
CHURCH
Lovel Martin, Pastor
Sunday School...9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Service...6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST
CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Service...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH
Will Jordan, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Service...6:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

KOVANT COMMUNITY
CHURCH
Paul Jackson, Pastor
Sunday Fellowship...9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship...10:00 a.m.
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FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS
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Edward E. Drake, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Even. Worship...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Youth Service 6:00 p.m.
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ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
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"Notice is hereby given that Triple J Construction, LLC of P O Box 477, Arley, AL 35541 has completed all work on the SIMMONS STREET DRAINAGE REPLACEMENT in Elba, Alabama." All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify the above named contractor and the City Clerk of the City of Elba.
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MCKEE PROJECT NO: 22-161 NODCM

The sealed proposal as described above shall be received by Mrs. Kelly Cobb, Superintendent at the Coffee County Board of Education, 400 Reddoch Hill Road Elba, AL 36323, Ph: 334-897-5016, until 2:00 PM Central Time, Tuesday, July 12, 2022. Then opened and read aloud.

A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference shall be held on Wednesday, July 6, 2022 @ 9:00 AM Central Time starting at Zion Chapel.

All General Contractors bidding this project shall be required to visit the site and examine all existing conditions prior to submitting their proposal. All Bidders shall have general liability and workman's compensation insurance.

The projects shall be bid excluding taxes. Bids must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the Architect or copies thereof.

No bid may be withdrawn after scheduled closing for receipt of bids for a period of ninety (90) days. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technical errors if, in the Owners judgment, the best interests of the Owner will thereby be promoted.

All RFIs and RFAs regarding the bid documents shall be sent and addressed through emails found on the RFI and RFA forms in the project manual.

NOTE: ONLY THE RFI AND RFA FORMS IN THE PROJECT MANUAL WILL BE ACCEPTED.

The Architect will not accept inquiries via telephone or fax.

Completion Time: See scope of work in Project Manual.

Supervision: Contractor to ensure proper supervision for all work.

Owner: Mrs. Kelly Cobb, Superintendent, Coffee County Board of Education, 400 Reddoch Hill Road Elba, AL 36323, Phone: 334-897-5016

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reviewed by going to the McKee website @ www.mckeeassoc.com and selecting "Project Bid List". Also, if you are not receiving NOTIFICATIONS from us, please register on our website, "Project Bid List" by selecting manage your bid list profile. The documents may be viewed online and printed by General Contractors, SubContractors and Suppliers. Documents published through this procedure are the only documents endorsed by the Architect.

A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid walk through shall occur on Wednesday, July 13, 2022 @ 9:00 AM Central Time starting at the principal's office at Zion Chapel High School, then proceeding to the other sites.

All General Contractors bidding these projects shall be required to visit the site and examine all existing conditions prior to submitting their proposal.

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The projects shall be bid excluding taxes. Bids must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the Architect or copies thereof.

If bidders require printed sets, the following shall apply: Submit to the Architect at mckeepans@gmail.com the company's name, first & last name, phone number, address, project name & number along with a deposit of \$125.00 per set. The deposit shall be refunded for each set returned in reusable condition within ten days after bid opening.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT

OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION CASE NO: PC-2022-041

IN THE MATTER OF

C H R I S T O P H E R COLUMBUS PATMAN,

deceased.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 30th day of June 2022 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons

having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Witness my hand this the 30th day of June 2022.

/s/ HEATHER NICOLE GODWIN

Personal Representative

/s/ Matt Brunson

Attorney for the Petitioner

project name & number

along with a deposit of 7/7,14&21-pd.



SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson was a little disappointed over the weekend when I told him since it was now July the beginning of school was less than a month away. He really hasn't had a summer vacation yet, but rest assured this ole granddaddy is looking for a place to visit that will please him and at the same time give me a chance to rest a little.

For what it is worth....

***** It is hard to believe that the opening kickoff** of the high school football season is only seven Friday nights away. The days of starting the football season the week after Labor Day has long since vanished, but the thought of playing in mid-August with the temperature still in the high 90's seems a little early for players, coaches and all of us fans. Oh well, mark your calendars for Friday, August 19, when the Elba Tigers will travel across the county to battle the New Brockton Gamecocks for the first time since 2017, the Kinston Bulldogs will host the Samson Tigers as the two neighbors meet for the 41st time, and the Brantley Bulldogs will hit the road for their season opener against the Luverne Tigers, in the 87th renewal of the cross-county rivalry. The season is starting off with a bang!

***** The coaching carousel has been spinning** fast all summer long and there will be a lot of new faces on the sidelines when the football season kicks off in just seven weeks. Two county teams will have new leaders on the field with Ben Blackmon now in charge in Enterprise and Cody Keene, Jr., taking over at Zion Chapel, while four of the eight region opponents on Elba's schedule will have new head coaches with Jordan Cantrell taking over at Florala, Jake Allen moving up at Houston County, Ezell Powell returning to the area as the head man at McKenzie, and Cody Sellers taking the head job at Pleasant Home. Former Elba head coach Ed Rigby will be the new head coach at defending state champ Pike Road and will be joined by former Tiger player Bobby Hudson as defensive coordinator, and longtime Rigby assistant and former Elba assistant Rodney Jordan will take over the reins at Satsuma. Other new head coaches include Daniel Powell at Barbour County, Jed Kennedy at Dothan, Jerrell Jernigan at Eufaula, Josh Thompson at Geneva County, Patrick Browning at Greenville, Reginald Melton at Headland, Mark Hurt at Pike County, and, Bryant Garrison at Slocumb.

***** The big news in college sports last week** was the announcement that UCLA and USC will both join the Big Ten Conference for the 2024 season. The two Los Angeles schools will leave the Pac 12 and sunny west coast for some early kickoff times, long plane rides and of course a massive amount of money. The Big Ten had over \$250 million more in revenue than the Pac 12 in recent audits, which could mean both schools will receive a raise of over \$20 million a year in revenue. A Pac 12 team has advanced to the college football playoffs only once since 2016, when Washington was clobbered by Alabama, while the Big Ten has put teams in the playoffs six of the eight years the playoffs have been in existence and last season had four teams ranked in the Top 25. With the addition of the Los Angeles television market it is estimated the Big Ten will seek a media deal in excess of \$1 billion a year the next time a deal is brokered. Many in the sports world believe the Big Ten isn't finished adding to its roster, and insist that if Notre Dame doesn't join the conference Washington and Oregon will be the next west coast schools to head across the country. With the addition of Oklahoma and Texas to the SEC in 2026, what once was

called the 'Power Five' conferences may soon become the 'Power Two.'

***** July 1 is known as 'Bobby Bonilla Day'** by those familiar with Major League baseball since on that date every year from 2011 until 2035 the former all-star third baseman receives a check in the amount of \$1.2 million. Now 58, Bonilla signed a \$5.9 million contract extension in 2000 as a member of the New York Mets, but agreed to defer the payments over the next 24 years, which when completed, would total over \$30 million. Bonilla last played with the Mets back in 1999, but is still paid more than 11 of the 34 players on this year's Mets roster! While the big annual payday for a retired player seems strange, it is really not that uncommon in pro sports. Manny Ramirez signed a 16-year, \$32 million contract back in 2008 and will get a check until 2025, while Ken Griffey still gets a check for \$3.59 million a year from the Cincinnati Reds and will continue to cash the check through the 2025 season even though he hasn't put on a uniform since 2008. Todd Helton hasn't played since 2013 but will get a check for \$1.3 million a year for the next two years from the

Colorado Rockies, and Max Scherzer, in the midst of a multi-million contract with the New York Mets, signed a \$105 million contract a few years ago with the Washington Nationals and will receive deferred payments of \$15 million a year from the team through 2028. I know many times teams will defer payments in a player's contract to open up money to spend on draft picks or sign free agents that will provide immediate help. However, it appears to me that many players have quite a retirement plan.

***** In closing....** Former Elba Tiger multi-sport athlete Alex Wright will host a youth football camp in a couple of days and over 100 area youngsters have already registered to attend the one-day get together. Wright proved a lot of folks wrong by becoming a stellar college player at UAB and by being drafted in the third round of the NFL draft, and it is good to see him use his success to give back to the community. I just hope this is the first of many camps Wright will be a part of in his hometown and that one day soon we will be able to watch him on TV playing for the Browns. No doubt he has the 'Wright' stuff.

Super 12 banquet honors area athletes

The Dothan Eagle held a banquet on Sunday, June 26, to honor all Wiregrass student-athletes named to the newspaper's 'Super 12' teams during the 2021-2022 academic year and included among the honorees were a pair of Elba High athletes that excelled in their prospective sports.

The banquet, held at the Dothan Civic Center, was the first that honored 'Super 12' selections in all sports.

Elba High student-athletes honored at the banquet included football standout Chrystyle Caldwell, volleyball - Jennifer Graham, Enterprise, Coach of the Year; Lily Rhoades, Enterprise; Boys Basketball - Rhett Harrelson, Enterprise, Coach of the Year; Elijah Terry, Enterprise; Girls Basketball - Jaida Goshua, Enterprise; A'lyric Whitfield, Elba; Kelsi Cardwell, Kinston, Softball - Georgia Lessman, Enterprise; Girls Soccer - Kaylee Richardson, Enterprise; Boys Soccer - Robert Suter, Enterprise.

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track and field, and girls track and field.

Overall winners this year were 'Player of the Year' Alexis Milanowski, a softball standout at Houston Academy, and 'Coach of the Year' Rhett Harrelson, boys basketball coach at Enterprise.

Local players and coaches honored at the banquet included: Football - Rudy Free, Kinston, Coach of the Year; Mykel Johnson, Enterprise, Chrystyle Caldwell, Elba; Volleyball - Jennifer Graham, Enterprise, Coach of the Year; Lily Rhoades, Enterprise; Boys Basketball - Rhett Harrelson, Enterprise, Coach of the Year; Elijah Terry, Enterprise; Girls Basketball - Jaida Goshua, Enterprise; A'lyric Whitfield, Elba; Kelsi Cardwell, Kinston, Softball - Georgia Lessman, Enterprise; Girls Soccer - Kaylee Richardson, Enterprise; Boys Soccer - Robert Suter, Enterprise.

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ELBA ATHLETES HONORED.... Two Elba High student-athletes were honored at last week's Super 12 banquet, in Dothan. Pictured above are (l-r) A'lyric Whitfield, a basketball honoree, and Coach Shaun Hammonds, who accepted a plaque for football honoree Chrystyle Caldwell.



READY FOR STATE... The Kinston Boys 12U baseball team begins its quest for a state title Thursday, July 7, at the Dixie Youth Baseball Ozone State Tournament, for Division II, in Tuscaloosa, Ala. Kinston, the District 9 champions, will open play Thursday afternoon against the Decatur Americans, the District 1 champions. Kinston team members include: (front, l to r) Easton Parker, JD Weeks, Parker Weeks, Rylen Hawthorne, and Jackson Cowen; (middle, l to r) Jon Simmons, Maverick Owen, Zavory Stanley, Evan Hilburn, Jett Creech, and Ryan Worsham; (back, l to r) coaches Tyler Simmons, Clint Cowen, and Justin Creech.

Lakepoint resort adds motorized vehicle course and trails

Alabama State Parks offi-

cials, local government lead-

ers and members of the busi-

ness community gathered for

a ribbon-cutting ceremony

recently to officially open

Lakepoint State Park's new

off-road vehicle course in

Eufaula, Alabama. The new

course is on land once occu-

pied by the park's former

golf course.

"Lakepoint State Park has

a great reputation as being a

family-friendly fishing desti-

nation and we want to provide

new amenities to the park

that will enhance the overall

guest experience," said Chris

Blankenship, Commissioner

of the Alabama Department

of Conservation and Natural

Resources. "Providing this

new ORV course here at

Lakepoint is another example

of expanding our offerings

to a growing outdoor rec-

reation segment, and if you

enjoy a more relaxing golf

cart cruise, you can also take

a ride down our new motor-

ized natural trail."

Lake Eufaula - known as the "The Bass Capital of the World" - attracts thousands of visitors to Lakepoint State Park every year. Park officials are working to improve Alabama's state parks system by renovating existing facilities and providing new amenities.

"Recently, the park has been able to renovate 10 cabins and we are currently working on renovating an additional 10 cabins," said Greg Lein, Alabama State Parks Director. "Our cabins and lodges are a great way to enjoy our parks, if you do not

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LIFESTYLES



The Elba Masonic Lodge #170 held a special called meeting Thursday June 30, to raise Brother Macon Matthew Hodge to a Master Mason. Food and fellowship were enjoyed by all the Brethren. Those pictured above include: (front, l to r) Larry Shaw, Jim Hill, Jason Whitehurst, Rich Brandon, Ashley Whitehurst, Daniel Stephens, Shane Goude, Macon Hodge, Eddie Kelley, Earl Smith, Chris Sanders, Ronnie Rawls, Jack Caradine, and Mark Johnson; (middle, l to r) Chris Sellers, Dale Stewart, Howard Oliver, Joe Thomas, Mike Amison, Brian Smith, Michael Phelps, Harry Young, Steve Rodgers, Drexell Richards, James Bunce, Joel Moore, Steve Dewberry, and Thomas Danner; and (back, l to r) Tommy Morrow and Wendell Black.

Elba High School represented by Aimee Senn at Girls State

Alabama Girls State returned to Troy University in 2022 for the first time since 2012. It was held June 5-10.

A mission of the American Legion Auxiliary, the program provides the opportunity for students to participate in a hands-on citizenship training program that spans nearly 80 years in Alabama.

The American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program, open to high school junior girls, seeks to develop leadership and pride in American citizens, educate citizens about the system of government and instill an understanding of American traditions.

At Girls State, delegates organized cities, voted on officials, developed and passed legislation and heard from the state's real-life elected officials, including Governor Kay Ivey.

Seniors encouraged to join the fun at the Elba Senior Citizens Center

Donna Falls, director of the Elba Senior Citizens Center, encourages all seniors age 60 and older to attend the Elba Senior Citizens Center.

Along with nutritious meals 5-days-per-week, Falls works with seniors to help them apply for several programs that they may qualify, including: Farmers Market Vouchers, HRDC-Energy Assistance, Food Assistance, Medicaid Waiver, Senior Rx Program, Medicare Savings Program, etc. However, the senior must be an active participant at the Elba Senior Center for the director to sign them up for these type programs.

To become a center participant, attendance is not based on income. The Elba Senior Citizens Center is a social place for any senior citizen to come have fun and



Aimee Senn, pictured above and to the right, represented Elba High School for the 80th Session of the American Legion Auxiliary's Alabama Girls State, June 5-10, held on the campus of Troy University in Troy, Ala. Senn will be a senior this upcoming school year.

Governor Ivey addressed the 80th session of the American Legion Auxiliary's Alabama Girls State, where she offered encouragement, words of wisdom and a flag lesson as participants reached the middle of the program. She

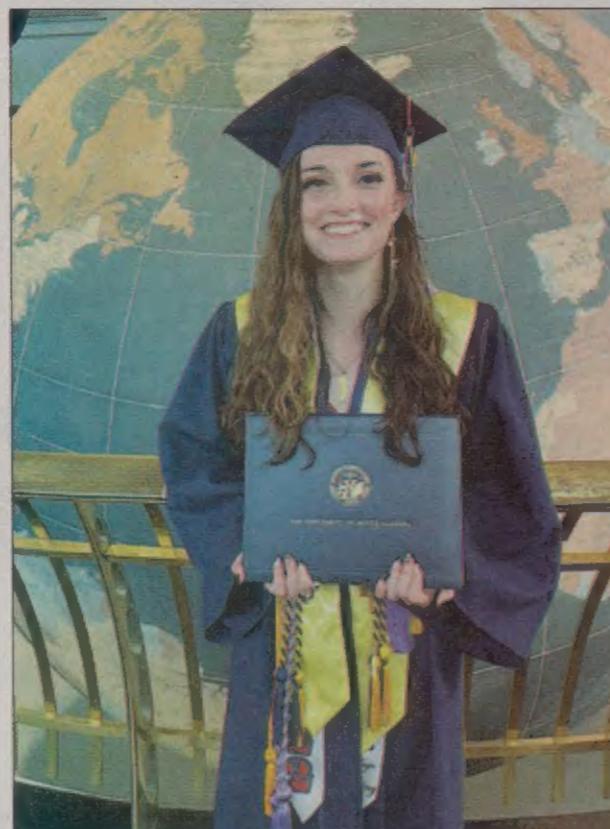
was greeted with a standing ovation by more than 320 delegates, each chosen by their high schools as the best and the brightest to represent their school, community and the state of Alabama during the week-long program.

"Leave Girls State this week with an understanding that the beauty of our democracy is that all people – even a girl from Wilcox County, Alabama – can make a difference if we simply try," the governor said as she closed her speech to the delegates.

Elba High School was RWCC meeting

The Republican Women of Coffee County will meet Wednesday, July 20, at the Enterprise Country Club, 3000 Ozark Highway.

Doors open at 10:30 a.m. The luncheon will start at 10:45. Those planning to



GRADUATING WITH HONORS...Susan Marie Clark (Mia Clark) graduated May 6, 2022 from the University of South Alabama (USA) in Mobile, Ala. Clark earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing and graduate with Magna Cum Laude honors. She was recognized on the President's List her first two years at USA and on the Dean's List her final two years. A 2018 graduate of Elba High School, Clark was valedictorian of her class. Family members said they are very proud of Mia's accomplishments.

Local DAV Chapter to meet July 28th

The July meeting for the DAV Wiregrass Chapter 99, located in New Brockton, Ala., will be Thursday, July 28, 6 p.m., at the New Brockton Senior Center,

Elections for chapter offi-

cers for the upcoming year will be held. All members are asked to attend.

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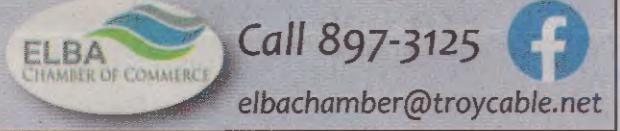
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